

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
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IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC SPECIMEN
AND CHROMATOGRAPH ANALYZING
METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 as follows:

3. (Amended) The immunochromatographic specimen defined in Claim 1 wherein, in the case where the sample is blood, the absorption wavelength specific to coloration generated on the specimen is 580 nm or above.

4. (Amended) The immunochromatographic specimen defined in Claim 1 including a region for holding a substance, which destroys cell components included in the sample.

8. (Amended) The immunochromatographic specimen defined in Claim 1 wherein a coloration degree is qualitatively or quantitatively analyzed with a spectrophotometer.